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CHANGE IN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

For some weeks past rumors have reached the Winnemucca public that the efficiency of our public school was being impaired through a lack of harmony and sympathy between the pupils and the principal.

Today a representative of the Silver State succeeded in ascertaining the facts of the case, which appear to be as follows: The Winnemucca branch of the county high school is in charge of the board of county commissioners, who, shortly before the beginning of the school year in September, re-elected Professor Griffin as principal for the balance of the calendar year, or during the tenure in office of the present board. As principal of the county high school, at the request of the board of trustees of the Winnemucca public school, Professor Griffin also assumed control of the public school, although his entire salary was paid by the county. Last Monday Professor Griffin was relieved from his connection with the public school by the board of trustees, composed of W. J. Bell, T. A. Brandon and S. J. Bonfield, and his contract with the county commissioners expires today by limitation.

On Monday the county high school will pass within the jurisdiction of the county high school board elected in November, composed of W. A. Brown and H. W. Duncan, Winnemucca, and W. C. Pitt, Lovelock. When seen today by a representative of the Silver State, one of the members elected stated that in all probability Professor Griffin would not be re-elected as principal. He also said that the high school at this place was costing too much money, as the monthly expense was \$260, while at present there are but three pupils and the maximum attendance had been four. One of the trustees of the Winnemucca public school was of the opinion that some arrangement would be made with the high school board for the employment of a principal for both schools, the expense to be divided between the county and school district. In any event, the schools will not be opened until Tuesday morning, instead of Monday, as contemplated.

The law in force provides for county high schools at Winnemucca and Lovelock, and in both places the high schools have been conducted in the public school building. It is understood that in the Lovelock school building there are ample facilities for the accommodation of the high school pupils, but such is not the case here. It is stated that the matter will be referred to the coming session of the legislature, with a view of erecting a separate building for the Winnemucca high school.

It is stated, on apparently good authority, that Miss Moon, principal of the Lovelock high school, whose contract also expires today by limitation, will be retained by the county high school board.

OLD BOARD WILL ADJOURN SINE DIE TONIGHT

The old board of county commissioners, composed of Chairman Blatter, Commissioners Stoker and McNeil, which has been in session since Thursday, will complete its labors and adjourn sine die this evening. Most of the time since meeting has been spent in the consideration of bills, but this afternoon the members of the board are inspecting the new bridge and sewer for the purpose of allowing the contractors progress estimates. It is probable that the matter of the acceptance of the work and allowance of the final estimates will go over to the new board.

Phil Blume returned from San Francisco yesterday afternoon where he had been visiting with his family. W. F. Twist, formerly of the Toll-house, but now residing at the Stewart ranch, Willow Point, was in town yesterday.

L. A. Friedman, of Lovelock, is registered at the Lafayette.

SUPREME COURT SAYS MAN NEED NOT STAND ABUSE

In an opinion written by Justice Sweeney and concurred in by Chief Justice Norcross and Justice Talbot, the supreme court Thursday reversed the judgment and conviction of "Slim" Grimmett, found guilty of manslaughter in the killing of Ed Baker at Mina nearly a year ago.

Grimmett shot Baker in a saloon at Mina while the latter was advancing upon him, it is alleged, and reviling him. The case came up on appeal from the district court in Goldfield.

The opinion is considered noteworthy by the lawyers, in that the supreme court takes occasion to comment upon and define the circumstances under which a person laboring under abuse and insult may stand his ground and slay his antagonist.

The instructions of the court, such as are ordinarily given in such cases, were declared faulty by implication when the court formulated a rule which will doubtless be observed in subsequent instructions in similar cases.

FOR RENT—Four completely furnished rooms for light housekeeping also one nice furnished front room. Inquire at residence of Dr. G. U. Hall, Baud street between Third and Fourth.

NEWS FROM NEW CAMP SHIVELY

Camp Shively, via Keeler, California, Dec. 27, 1910.
Editor Silver State: Please send the Silver State to me here, address same via Keeler.

I will here for some time, as this is the coming camp in this entire southern country. Two shifts are now working. Only eight men are employed and these eight men keep four big ore teams busy hauling the ore to Keeler. Four miners break rock and wheel it to the sackers and sack sewers. This will give you a faint idea of the tremendous size of this silver lead vein or deposit. Arrangements are being made to trouble the working force as fast as practicable. Several more ore teams are rigging up to join the present force. Mr. Shively told me that inside of 90 days he expected to have at least 12 teams hauling, that is if the ore body continues as it now seems to promise. Automobiles come humming into camp nearly every day and several deals are under way. A new strike about two and one-half miles southerly from the Shively strike seems to prove that all this country needs is close prospecting.

Most prospectors have been in the habit of looking for galena and entirely overlooking the carbonate form of ores. Both Shively and the John Hudson strikes were in the carbonate form on the surface.

I have some good ground close in, and some joining the Shively strike (about 600 feet from the "main glory hole"). People are starting to come in and the only trouble is no accommodations in camp as yet. I think if people knew that they could find eating and sleeping places we would soon see a town of considerable size.

This is no "hot air" camp. I can take anyone to five different places in a radius of two and one-half miles and show them lead-silver croppings. So notify all "Missourians," and if they come I'll take time and pleasure in showing them.

With best regards,
WM. A. KOPPLIN.

NEW YEAR'S BALL A PLEASANT AFFAIR

The New Year's ball given by the management of the Idlewild theatre last evening was well patronized, about 75 couples being in attendance. Good music was a feature and all participants expressed themselves as being well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Will Skate New Year In.
At the conclusion of the regular skating program at the Idlewild this evening, the Girls' club will take charge, and, with their guests, will skate the old year out and the new year in. At 12 o'clock a banquet will be given by the members of the club to their guests at a local cafe.

WILL GO TO CITY FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

W. E. Paul, the Western Pacific conductor, will leave for San Francisco in the morning, where he will enter the University hospital for medical treatment.

With the exception of five manholes, which will be finished this first of the week, the Winnemucca sewer system has been completed. While the estimated cost of the improvement was \$35,000 and the contract price \$22,000, under the prudent supervision of Engineer L. C. Kelsey the cost of the work will be about \$31,500.

After the preliminary survey had been completed by County Surveyor Sheldon last summer, the county commissioners, acting in conjunction with the citizens' committee, composed of E. Reinhart, C. E. Haviland, J. Sheehan, W. L. Wilkinson and H. W. Duncan, called in consultation the eminent sanitary expert, Louis C. Kelsey, of Salt Lake City, who slightly amended the working plans and consented to act as supervising engineer of construction. The soundness of the committee's judgment in the selection of an engineer is borne out by the fact that Winnemucca has perhaps the best sewer system for the money of any community in the United States.

At the August meeting of the commissioners the contract for the construction of the sewer was let to R. M. Bardsen & Co., the Butte, Montana, contractors, for the sum of \$32,040.85. Although considerable delay was occasioned in securing pipe for the work, Supt. O. J. Larson began active operations on the 26th of September and has since vigorously prosecuted the work, with the result that early next week a complete and substantial, as well as thoroughly sanitary sewer system will be turned over to the new board of county commissioners.

L. C. Kelsey, the supervising engineer, enjoys a reputation as a sanitary expert which extends over the entire coast country. He has just returned from Oregon, where he has been called in as consulting and supervising engineer of a sewer system for Gresham,

SECRETARY MAY REFUSE PERMITS

(Special to the Silver State)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The authority of the secretary of agriculture to prevent the grazing of livestock on the national forests without a permit has been sustained in New Mexico by action of the federal courts in three cases in which the defendants had caused or permitted stock to trespass upon the Alamo forest in defiance of the regulations.

Because of the belief which has been current among stockmen of some localities during the last year that the regulations of the secretary of agriculture with regard to grazing on the national forests are unenforceable, the New Mexican cases are regarded by officials of the department of agriculture as particularly timely and valuable. The recent disposition to question the validity of the regulations has evidently been due to the entirely natural desire of the stockmen to assert what they supposed, though mistakenly, to be their rights under the law as interpreted by the courts. Secretary Wilson considers that the effect of the action taken in the New Mexico cases will be to clarify the situation materially and to promote a better understanding of the legal rights of the department.

The misconception which has led stockmen to suppose they might graze their stock on the national forests without taking out a permit and paying the grazing fee was due to the decision rendered by the supreme court of the United States last March, affirming a decision of the United States district court for the southern district of California, by Judge Wellborn, that violation of the grazing regulations is not punishable as a crime. This decision of the supreme court, however, was by an even division of the justices and therefore did not decide the general question one way or the other, but merely affirmed the decision of the lower court in the particular case. The supreme court has granted a rehearing of the case, in order that the question may be passed upon by a full bench and authoritatively settled, and this rehearing will soon take place. But the authority of the secretary to prevent grazing except in accordance with his regulations does not, it is pointed out, depend upon affirmation of the power of the government to punish violation of the regulations as a crime. This is made clear by the action in two of the New Mexico cases; while the third case illustrates the fact that the affirmation of Judge Wellborn's decision by the supreme court has no binding force in cases other than the particular one then before the court.

In the cases of Sam Cope and S. O. Cope, defendants, and of G. W. Jernigan, defendant, injunctions were granted by the federal district court to prevent the continued grazing of stock owned by the defendants upon the national forests. The ground upon which these injunctions were granted was not the power of the government to punish violators of the regulations through criminal procedure, but was the right of the government to bring civil action against the owners of stock which trespass upon the property of the government. In the Cope case

EVIDENCE BEING HEARD BY COURT

Thursday afternoon counsel completed their arguments on Attorney Campbell's objection to the appointment of a surveyor to make an examination of the surface and underground workings of the National Mines company, on application of H. E. Orr. At the opening of court yesterday morning, Judge Ducker ruled that under the Nevada statute the court had authority to appoint a surveyor for the purposes set forth in the application either before or after the beginning of a suit. This morning the taking of testimony was commenced, and R. S. Bolam, the company's superintendent, was called by the petitioner, to explain the surface workings of the company. It is thought that the testimony will all be in before court adjourns this evening.

BRIDAL COUPLE RETURN FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haeffner came in from San Francisco, via the Western Pacific. The young couple were married Wednesday, the 28th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Barnes, 1812 Larkin street, San Francisco, by Rev. Deernett, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The groom is the popular chauffeur of the National Mines company, while the bride is well known in San Francisco social circles. Mr. and Mrs. Haeffner will make their home in Winnemucca.

FREIGHT MOVEMENTS AT SOUTHERN PACIFIC STATION

Yesterday a carload of coal was received at the Southern Pacific station for E. Reinhart & Co.

Tomorrow Miller & Lux will ship 23 cars of stock to California.

Signal Maintainers Transposed.
Today A. Smith, the S. P. signal maintainer at this station, was transferred to Humboldt House, William Wadsworth, who occupied a similar position at that station, coming to Winnemucca.

Punitive damages were imposed by the court for willful trespass, in addition to an award of \$75 for actual damage sustained. The amount of the actual damage was determined by the finding of the court that the value of the grazing privilege in the Alamo national forest was \$1.50 per year for each head of cattle or horses.

This case is the more decisive as to the authority of the secretary to enforce the grazing regulations from the fact that an attempt to proceed against the defendants criminally had failed because of the refusal of the grand jury to bring an indictment against them. In the third of the New Mexico cases, however, such an indictment was found by the grand jury against J. W. Van Winkle, for having grazed 1,000 head of goats upon the Alamo national forest without a permit. As a result of this indictment Van Winkle was arrested at Alamogordo by a deputy United States marshal, and bound over for appearance at the April term of the federal court.

NEWS NOTES OF NATION'S CAPITAL

(Special to the Silver State.)
Farming in the Frozen North.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—There came to Washington a few days ago a man from Alaska, J. H. Young, vice-president of the Copper River and Northwestern railroad, and president of the Alaska Steamship company, who had something to say in corroboration of the position taken by the department of agriculture that farming is destined to be a profitable industry in Alaska. But who would think of farming the frozen soil of Alaska unless he had experience?

"Looking at the ground in the rough," said Mr. Young, "one would be justified in saying that it is hopeless. Covered with several feet of moss, snow and ice, and frozen to an unknown depth, it would seem a hardy farmer who would undertake to make a crop. And yet it is easier brought into cultivation than ordinary mesquite land of the southwest. One or two burnings remove the moss and the sun does the rest. After the ground is broken it never freezes again beyond the ordinary winter depth."

"When the black earth is turned up to the sun it becomes a storehouse of heat units all through the summer. These are given off during the winter. This, in time, will make the habitable portions of Alaska more equitable in climate."

"Around Dawson they are now raising potatoes as fine as any produced in the state of Washington. The crop last summer amounted to several tons. Strawberries and all small fruits thrive, and cabbages, turnips, carrots, lettuce and other garden vegetables grow with a luxuriance that is fairly tropical. Timothy grows to the heights of a man's waist and produces a head as long as your hand. Wheat, barley and rye promise to be successful crops."

"Our railroad," said Mr. Young, "is already making wonderful changes in that part of Alaska. The town of Chitina has sprung up within three months, yet it already has a newspaper, several good buildings and a hotel will soon be running."

"Is there much immigration?" Mr. Young was asked.
"We are not encouraging the immigration of farmers into the Chitina basin," was the reply. "It will be time enough and they will come fast enough when the mineral resources of that part of Alaska are developed, and I am satisfied that there will be a big rush of miners there in the spring on account of the quartz discoveries near the coast."

To Lease Mineral Lands.

It has long been the policy of the government to give away the mining lands to whoever would work them. This has applied to oil lands as well as to those bearing gold and other metals, but the interior department is now of the opinion that these lands should not pass out of the ownership of the government, but that they should be leased on a royalty basis. While this plan is something of a novelty in this country, it seems likely that a bill will be agreed on and probably passed at this session of congress to require oil men to pay the government for all oil they take from public lands. The principal objection to such a bill seems to be the fear that federal supervision would entail annoyance and perhaps injustice on the operators.

Parcel Post in the Orient.

While we are gravely discussing the advisability of making certain innovations in this country, they are going right ahead in the Philippines and doing things. Word has been received from the consul-general at Hongkong that the Manila government has put in effect parcel post arrangements with Hongkong. It is intended to extend this policy to other colonial establishments in the Orient.

The parcel post is a popular institution in many countries, and in France even the market gardeners send their products to market by means of it. Congress is wrestling with the subject and it is making the committee on postoffices and postroads gray and careworn.

Foreign Trade Opportunities.

Numerous commercial opportunities are reported by foreign consuls, with inquiries for information from American dealers concerning automobiles, agricultural machinery, electrical specialties, peanut planting, cultivating and hulling machinery, sandpaper, rebuilt typewriters, flour mill and metal working machinery, carbon black and oil black for ink manufacture, feather plucking and picking machinery, agencies for American goods, copper brass, aluminum, glassware, potatoes, dried fruits, surgical supplies, a tramway concession to Jerusalem, shellac, steel furniture, tin tubes for tooth paste, a petroleum pipe line, wooden shoepegs, cotton seed oil and cake, biscuits, ribbons, sardines, candles, American novelties, gasometers and American goods of all sorts.

MISS HARP TO GIVE NEW YEAR'S PARTY

This evening Miss Fanny Harp will give a New Year's party at her Bridge street residence, in honor of Miss Bertha Wolf and her guest, Miss Gene Guessford.

NEW YEAR'S DINNER AT LAFAYETTE TOMORROW

The management of the Lafayette hotel will serve on a la carte dinner tomorrow evening, between the hours of 5 and 7:30, town time.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR COMING WEEK

The Archdeacon will conduct services at St. Mary's church, as follows:

Friday evening, January 6, Litany and lecture, subject: "Christ and His Church."

Saturday evening, January 7, evening prayer and lecture, subject: "The Sacramental System."

Sunday, January 8, at 11 a. m., Holy Communion and sermon. At 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

The services of Friday and Saturday evenings are for the benefit not only of those preparing for confirmation, but for all who desire to know more of the plan of salvation, as set forth by Our Blessed Lord.

A most cordial invitation is extended to the general public.

Methodist Episcopal Church Services.

The following will be the order of services at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday, January 1:

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

The series of revival services will begin with the regular morning service at 11 o'clock. Evangelist Newton S. McClurkin will preach and Mr. Geo. W. Trotter will have charge of the singing. He will probably also render a solo. The evening meeting will begin at 7 o'clock with a service of song by the chorus choir and the congregation, under the direction of Mr. Trotter, after which Evangelist McClurkin will again preach.

All who are desirous of a great revival and ingathering of souls are earnestly urged to be present at all the services next Sunday. All are cordially invited to attend and will be welcome.

As to whether there will be any afternoon service and as to its character will be determined when the evangelists arrive, and when determined upon will be announced later. Already nearly twenty persons have promised to assist with the singing as members of the chorus choir.

F. P. BONNEFON, Pastor.

Christian Science Society.

Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the court house. Subject, "God." Mrs. Roberts will sing Wednesday evening at the court house at 7:30. The public is welcome to these services.

FORMER HUMBOLDT RESIDENT MARRIED IN CALIFORNIA

The following account of the marriage of Frank S. Conner, a former resident of this county, is taken from a Petaluma (California) exchange:

"After returning from church Christmas night, the marriage of Miss Flora M. Jones to Mr. Frank S. Conner was solemnized at nine o'clock in the evening, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jones, of 12 Post street.

"Only near relatives and friends were present. Besides the parents, were Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Jones and daughter, Vera, Seth Jones, Mr. R. Conner Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Newman and Rev. and Mrs. Z. P. Millington.

"The officiating minister, Rev. Z. P. Millington, was an uncle of the bride and also temporary pastor of M. E. church of this city, of which church the contracting parties are active members.

"A dainty luncheon followed congratulations, and then the couple boarded the 11 p. m. electric car for Sebastopol, where a cozy cottage awaited their arrival.

"Mrs. Conner was a teacher in the local public schools for some years. She is related to a pioneer family of the county and is favorably known.

"Mr. Conner has been connected with the store of H. C. Newman in this place and now goes to Sebastopol to manage their business there.

"His many friends regret their removal from this city, but their best wishes follow him in his new relations to life and his new enterprises commercially."

Ebbett & Co. are headquarters for grape fruit, oranges and lemons.

W. A. Donald, the National mine-owner, returned from camp yesterday afternoon.

William Rae, the well known mining promoter, left Salt Lake City this afternoon for Winnemucca.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE WILL WED TOMORROW

Although the young principals have succeeded in keeping the matter quiet, it has leaked out that Miss Clara Oeschler and Mr. Fritz Hess will be married tomorrow. The prospective bride is the sister of Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Nels Johnson, while the groom is a member of the firm of Hess & Zuest, proprietors of the popular City Bakery.

WILL SOON BEGIN WORK ON NEW HEATING PLANT

The committee having in charge the Nixon opera house received notice today that material for the new heating plant has been shipped from San Francisco. It is expected that work will be commenced some time prior to the 15th of January.

Theo. Weller, the mining man, is spending a few days in town.

Try Heinz's apple butter, for sale by Ebbett & Co.

WANTED—Good Japanese wants a position as cook, camp or family. Address, K. Nakaguma, Mill City, Nev.



LOUIS C. KELSEY, SANITARY EXPERT.

a city 18 miles east of Portland. Mr. Kelsey will also have charge of the remodeling of the Sparks sewer system, which will entail an expenditure of from \$30,000 to \$50,000. Mr. Kelsey maintains regular offices at Salt

Lake City, Utah, and Portland, Oregon, in addition to acting as consulting member of a Sacramento firm of engineers. Mr. Kelsey will leave for Salt Lake in the morning.